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The TORY TATLER.

From *Monday January* 1. to *Wednesday January* 3. 1710.

From my own Apartment, Dec. 28.

THere are more Qualifications requiſite for the finiſhing of a Stateſman than will make a Man eminent in any other Profeſſion of Life: His Underſtanding muſt be as diffuſive as his Buſineſs, and his Talents various as are the Branches of his Occupation. Induſtry may make a Scholar, Experience a General, Integrety a Divine, and Cukoldom an Alderman; but every united Excellence muſt centre in the Forming a Politician, and tho' Reaſons of State are ſo intricate, that 'tis difficult to be a good Miniſter and good Man at the ſame time, yet Honeſty is the moſt neceſſary Ingredient of all. It's much eaſier to find an able Miniſter than an honeſt one, for thoſe Opportunities which improve the one corrupt the other. The moſt odious things may be varniſh'd with the ſpecious Names of temporary Expedients; and there are many, who from the reading of *Matchiavell* and *Tacitus* (which two Books have made many a one a mere State Jugler that might otherwiſe have beeu a ſound Politician) will be ſo preſumptious as to ſuperſede known Rules and eſtabliſh'd Laws for chimerical Reaſons of State; which Manner of Proceeding, if we conſider it ſimply and abſtractedly is no other than political Wiſdom excluſive of Conſcience and Religion; as if Politicks were by Nature diametrically oppoſite to Morals and Reaſon, not as ſufficient to obviate Danger as Knavery and Craft. The Buſineſs is, 'tis Want of due Qualifications, intenſe Thinking, and Indefatigableneſs, which drive ſome Stateſmen to this miſerable Shift. It's practicable for a Lawyer, tho' not uſual, to get a Livelihood without being a Knave, and ſo is it for a Stateſman to gain Reputation and Honour without leſſening the Dignity of his Character, or condeſcending to any thing mean, tricking or baſe. Diſſimulation, I own, tho' blameable in other Characters, may be allow'd of in a Prince or his Miniſter; and the moſt refin'd Piece of Management of all is, to know how to uſe a Raſcal with Dexterity and to Advantage: There are Occaſions which abſolutely require it, and when none but ſuch can be ſerviceable: Religion, Honour, Conſcience are indeed fair, beautiful and attracting; but to what Purpoſe is an honeſt Man upon ſome Emergencies? Notwithſtanding the putting this Art in Practice with honourable Intenſions and upon neceſſary Occaſions, may be very innocent and is in it ſelf no way derogatory from the Integrety of a great Miniſter. *Arlus* is of all Men living the moſt accompliſh'd Maſter in improving this Method uſefully; tho' poſſeſt of all the Integrity that ever Man had, yet he can, when Neceſſity requires, turn himſelf into the moſt cunning ſagatious ſubtle Ambidexter. If ever he has been drawn into a Miſtake by being over cunning (which thing has frequently happen'd to ſome Stateſmen) it proves only an inſtructive profitable Lecture to him, to be treaſur'd up in that vaſt Magazine of Wiſdom with which his Head is furniſh'd. The Truth on't is, he's a perfect Proficient in the Art of Diſſimulation; profound

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Subtilty lies undiſcover'd under the agreeable Smiles of an obliging Countenance; and by an eaſie goodhumour'd Behaviour he covers moſt unfathomable Deceit. Then his Temper is of an admirable Compoſure, ever calm, ſmooth and unrufflʼd, which together with his natural Complaiſance, good Breeding, and winning manner of Addreſs makes it no wonder that he has grafted himſelf into the very Soul of a gracious Miſtreſs, and that Royal Affection is laviſh to his Merit: And this indeed ſeems to be all the Reward he ſeeks for his faithful diſintereſted Services, ſeeing after the great Parts he had acted in two Reigns and a Courſe of honourable Employments, the Enjoyment of a profitable Place at Court tended rather to the Detriment than Advancement of his Hereditary Eſtate: So liberal at once and induſtrious was he to procure the beſt Advices and Intelligence; ſo prodigal of his own Fortune to enrich the the Publick: What a Happineſs is it that he has the Direction of his Prince's Treaſure who is ſo negligent of his own? *Arlus* is as univerſal a Scholar as any Nation ever bred, nor is there one uſeful Branch of Learning in which he is not throughly well versʼd: By his vaſt Diſcernment and ſwift Penetration he may be ſaid to have a Faculty, which ſome derive from the unhappy Texture of their Eyes, *viz.* of ſeeing ſeveral ways at once: His Courage is undaunted and not to be ſhockʼd with Oppoſition; his Temper neither liable to the Tranſports of Anger or other Paſſions, nor to be movʼd with Contradiction and Nonſenſe, which he can bear with exellent Candour and Patience: This enables him firmly and reſolutely to purſue his own well grounded Purpoſes, without the leaſt Perturbation, or even a Capacity of being put out of his Way, nor is he ever impatient unleſs when he's hearing ſome idle ſhallow Project. As he has a delicate Taſte of polite Learning; ſo has he an extenſive Experience in all Kinds of Buſineſs, and is of all Men moſt perfectly inſtructed in the Original Laws and Conſtitution of this Kingdom, and the whole Oeconomy of Parliamentary Methods, Forms and Procedures: His Forwardneſs to ſign the Aſſociation, his bringing in the Bill for Triennial Parliaments, his preventing an Inſurrection in *Scotland*. The early and ſeaſonable Advices he gave of the Invaſion, and his being ſo peculiarly inſtrumental in bringing about the Union are eminent Inſtances as of his Abilities, ſo of his unalterable Love of his Queen and Country, his ſteddy Adherence to the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and his firm Dependance on the Baſis of the Revolution. No Man ever affected Popularity leſs than *Arlus*; no Man was ever more Generous, nor any Man's Generoſity attended with leſs Pomp. As he is a nice Diſcerner into the liberal Arts and Sciences, ſo has been a conſtant Encourager of them; while he lives, whoever deſerves a Patron, will find one. If at any time he has been wanting in that ſtrict and punctual Regard which ſhould be had to ones Words and Aſſurances, it muſt be attributed to the puzling Labyrinths of Buſineſs, in which he is continually involvʼd, and not to want of Sincerity; for he never fails to attone for preſent Neglects by future Services, and thoʼ his Dependants may be ſometimes kept too long in Suſpence, they ſeldom repent. What Pity 'tis that the ſmalleſt Spot ſhould be ſeen in ſo bright an Orb.

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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

Quicquid agunt Homines nostri Farrago Libelli.

Tuesday, April 12. 1709.

THO' the other Papers which are publish'd for the Use of the good People of England have certainly very wholesom Effects, and are laudable in their particular Kinds, they do not seem to come up to the main Design of such Narrations, which, I humbly presume, should be principally intended for the Use of Politick Persons, who are so publick-spirited as to neglect their own Affairs to look into Transactions of State. Now these Gentlemen, for the most Part, being Persons of strong Zeal and weak Intellects, It is both a Charitable and Necessary Work to offer something, whereby such worthy and well-affected Members of the Commonwealth may be instructed, after their Reading, what to think: Which shall be the End and Purpose of this my Paper, wherein I shall from Time to Time Report and Consider all Matters of what Kind soever that shall occur to Me, and publish such my Advices and Reflections every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, in the Week, for the Convenience of the Post. It is also resolv'd by me to have something which may be of Entertainment to the Fair Sex, in Honour of whom I have taken the Title of this Paper. I therefore earnestly desire all Persons, without Distinction, to take it in for the present Gratis, and hereafter at the Price of one Penny, forbidding all Hawkers to take more for it at their Peril. And I desire all Persons to consider, that I am at a very great Charge for proper Materials for this Work, as well as that before I resolv'd upon it, I had settled a Correspondence in all Parts of the Known and by mere Drudges of Business only, but that Men in it, we shall not upon a Dearth of News present vide our Relation of the Passages which occur in ... such Turns of Places as may prepare you for

all be under the Article of White's Chocolate-g, under the Title of Græcian; Foreign and and what else I shall on any other Subject offer,

Ingenious Man to go daily to Will's, under Two- ; nor to the Græcian, without allowing him some at a good Observer cannot speak with even Kidney ll, I hope, make all Persons willing to comply with ny a Piece; especially since they are sure of some s to entertain 'em, having, besides the Helps of a Figure, tell you all that will happen before it

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g. All the ensuing Winter he went from to Church every Sunday, and from Play- o Play-house all the Week, but could never Original of the Picture which dwelt in his In a Word, his Attention to any Thing, Passion, was utterly gone. He has lost all ney he ever play'd for, and been confuted in rgument he has enter'd upon since the Mo- ment he first saw her. He is of a Noble Family, has naturally a very good Air, is of a frank, honest Temper: But this Passion has so extremely maul'd him, that his Features are set and uninform'd, and his whole Visage is deaden'd by a long Absence of Thought. He never appears in any Alacrity, but when rais'd by Wine; at which Time he is sure to come hither, and throw away a great deal of Wit on Fellows, who have no Sense further than just to observe, That our poor Lover has most Understanding

at a Tavern Window in *Pall-Mall*, when a fine Equipage pass'd by, and in it a young Lady who look'd up at him; away goes the Coach, and the young Gentleman pull'd off his Night-Cap, and instead of rubbing his Gums, as he ought to do, out of the Window till about Four a Clock, he sits him down, and spoke not a Word till Twelve at Night; after which, he began to enquire, If any Body knew the Lady --- The Company ask'd, What Lady? But he said no more, till they broke up at Six in the